



Satellite image with enhanced low cloud-top temperatures (degrees C) for 8:15 a.m. EST (NOAA)

### **Agricultural Weather Highlights - Thursday - June 28, 2001**

- ***In the West***, warmer, drier weather is returning to the ***Pacific Northwest***, where recent rainfall eased the threat of wildfires, aided pastures and dryland small grains, and reduced demands on drought-lowered irrigation reserves.
- ***On the Plains***, locally heavy rainfall is boosting soil moisture but hampering fieldwork in ***eastern Oklahoma and northeastern Texas***. Meanwhile, beneficial showers are spreading across the drought-affected ***northern High Plains***. Elsewhere in the region, warm, mostly dry weather favors summer crop growth and winter wheat maturation and harvesting.
- ***In the Corn Belt***, warm, mostly dry weather continues to favor corn and soybean development and winter wheat harvesting.
- ***In the South***, scattered showers are maintaining generally adequate topsoil moisture levels for pastures and summer crops, although long-term precipitation deficits persists in some areas from the ***southern Appalachians southward into Florida***.

**Outlook:** A hot, dry weather pattern is forecast to return to the ***West*** by week's end. Farther east, scattered showers are expected to continue on the ***northern Plains*** and across the ***South***, while warm, mostly dry weather is forecast across the ***central and southern High Plains*** and much of the ***Corn Belt***. The NWS 6-10 day outlook for July 3-7 calls for hot, mostly dry weather in the ***West*** and on the ***northern half of the Plains***. Meanwhile, a favorably cooler, wetter weather pattern is expected across the ***south-central U.S.***, including ***Texas***. Near- to above-normal rainfall may help to offset the effects of hot weather in the ***Southeast***. ***Corn Belt*** conditions are forecast to vary from cool and dry in northern areas to warm and showery across the southern portion of the region.

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